IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jerome A. Mouton, Jr., et al.

Serial No. 09/295,690

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UPGRADING A DATABASE IN A REDUNDANT ENVIRONMENT BY

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time to file this Response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004. The extended period is set to expire on September 7, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time.

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